

Senate Resolution 29

By: Senators Goggans of the 7th, Mullis of the 53rd, Heath of the 31st, Tolleson of the 20th, Carter of the 13th and others

A RESOLUTION

- 1 Proclaiming January 10, 2007 as "Sportsmen's Day at the Capitol"; and for other purposes.
- 2 WHEREAS, the State of Georgia has a great heritage of hunting and fishing that is enjoyed by
3 1.2 million people in Georgia each year; and
- 4 WHEREAS, hunting and fishing generates \$61.5 million in sales tax revenue annually, directly
5 supports 21,000 jobs in Georgia, and has a total economic impact of over \$2 billion annually;
6 and
- 7 WHEREAS, license fees from hunters and anglers are the primary source of income for
8 wildlife management area land acquisition in Georgia, totaling over 100,000 acres since the
9 late 1980s, and the annual lease payments on approximately 225,000 acres of wildlife areas;
10 and
- 11 WHEREAS, these natural lands not only provide hunting and fishing opportunities to Georgia
12 citizens but are also used by bird watchers, hikers, campers, and educational groups; and
- 13 WHEREAS, license fees and excise taxes from hunters and anglers have funded the successful
14 restoration of white-tailed deer, wild turkey, black bear, bobwhite quail, and wood ducks in
15 Georgia and the stocking of millions of game fish in lakes and rivers all over the state; and
- 16 WHEREAS, the sportsmen and sportswomen of Georgia and the conservation organizations
17 that they support privately with millions of dollars each year work to preserve our State's
18 natural lands and wildlife, which includes nongame as well as game animals.
- 19 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that the members of this body, on
20 behalf of the citizens of Georgia, hereby proclaim January 10, 2007 as "Sportsmen's Day at the
21 Capitol."

1 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate is authorized and directed to
2 transmit an appropriate copy of the resolution to the Heritage and Wildlife Conservation
3 Council of Georgia.